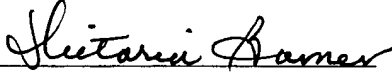


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In re Application of: Douglas P. ALLARD

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 13, 2005

Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Examiner Pechhold:

This is in response to the Office Action dated **April 13, 2005**, having a shortened statutory period for response that expired on **July 13, 2005**. A Petition for extending this period for response by two months to **September 13, 2005** accompanies this response, along with a check for the appropriate extension fee. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.